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The Once

Andrew Dale, left,
 Geraldine Hollett and
 Phil Churchill compose
 Newfoundland folk trio
 The Once. The band
 gave a breath-taking
 show at Minden United
 Church on Feb. 7 as part
 of this year's Haliburton
 County Folk Society's
 concert series.
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 Staff

Road upkeep frustrates drivers

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

This winter is the first winter of new, 10-year contract for the maintenance of provincial highways in the county and some residents believe there has been a decline in the level of service.

"It's been awful," said Ann Barker, a longtime Highway 35 resident in Algonquin Highlands, adding that she believed icy conditions on the

highway have been responsible for vehicles sliding off the road.

The new, decade-long Huntsville area maintenance contract, in which Haliburton County is included, was awarded to Carillion Canada, one of five companies that submitted bids.

The others were Transfield Services Limited, DeAngelo Brothers Inc., High Road Maintenance Inc., and Integrated Maintenance & Operations Services Inc.

Carillion Canada was awarded the contract

with a total annual price of \$11.9 million.

Carillion is a multi-national company based out of the United Kingdom.

The Times requested, but did not receive, the other bids the Ministry of Transportation received.

A six-year contract that began in 2006 had belonged to Fowler Construction, with work being subcontracted out to Carnarvon-based

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Major snowstorm

This tractor trailer was pulled from the ditch along Highway 35 just south of the Haliburton County border on the morning of Feb. 8. The county, along with much of the province, was smashed with a storm that began on Feb. 7, creating dangerous driving conditions. Submitted by Richard Bradley

MPP's office received complaints

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Francis Thomas Contracting.

Prior to 2006, contracts were awarded on a three-year basis, going to local companies including Thomas.

According to Thomas operations manager Rylie Sloan, the company had used five trucks manned with 12 employees to cover Highway 118 from Muskoka in the west to Loon Lake in the east and along Highway 35 from the border with the City of Kawartha Lakes to Carnarvon.

Sloan said the company went above the minimum standards required for the highways, which are Class 3 roadways, ensuring the centrelines, sidelines and shoulders were kept clear.

The paper contacted Carillion and was referred to the Ministry of Transportation.

According to the ministry, Carillion is using one combination plow/spreader to maintain Highway 118 from five kilometres west of Anson Creek in the west to Loon Lake in east and one truck to maintain Highway 35 from the boundary with the City of Kawartha Lakes to three-and-a-half kilometres south of Carnarvon.

"Carillion's fleet of combination units have a larger capacity for salt and sand than previous equipment, allowing them to travel farther between refilling stops," read an email from MTO communications coordinator Gordan Rennie. "As well, the unit

with the tow plow can service more than one lane at a time. In addition, the plow circuit routes serviced by this equipment are shorter than in previous winters as the contractor has modified the routes between other patrol yards.

The paper asked if the company was adhering only to minimum standards.

"Our winter maintenance standards have not changed," Rennie wrote. "We review our contractors' operations to make sure our high standards are met. This review includes: when the winter event started, characteristics and duration of the storm, highway conditions, response time to deploy equipment, frequency and continuity of equipment used, sand and salt application rates and the time taken to achieve the bare pavement standard after the storm."

According to the minimum standards for Class 3 highways, equipment for spreading salt or sand must be deployed within 30 minutes of a storm starting, contractors must plow highways when there is an accumulation of two centimetres or more of snow or slush and must continue until the storm ends.

Highways must be returned to bare pavement within 24 hours of the end of the storm.

The paper asked if there was any chance of getting more trucks in the area.

"The plow route circuit times were cal-

culated to meet the level of service requirement for a Class 3 roadway," Rennie wrote. "The units in place are of a sufficient size to plow and spread winter materials to meet ministry standards."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said her office had received complaints about the highways after a Jan. 19 dumping of snow and had put in an inquiry with the MTO, hearing back on Feb. 6.

"They did say there are financial consequences [for the company] if they are not up to standards and they have GPS in the trucks," said Scott, who said she'd be looking into the issue further.

Contractors have been doing winter highway maintenance in Haliburton County since 1999.

"Originally, maintenance contracts were for three to five years, but over time the ministry learned that longer contracts allowed contractors to invest in new equipment and to become more knowledgeable about local conditions," Rennie wrote. "The recent round of area maintenance contracts in Ontario have averaged between 10 and 12 years."

Carillion holds other contracts throughout the province and, according to the ministry, tries to use local subcontractors and repair garages whenever possible.

Residents can direct feedback to winter-highways@ontario.ca.

OPP charge man with several offences

On Sunday, Feb. 3, Ontario Provincial Police officers were conducting a RIDE program on Deep Bay Road in the Township of Minden Hills.

Keen officers observed what appeared to be a vehicle attempting to avoid the spot check area.

Police conducted a check on the man driving the vehicle and determined he was prohibited from operating a motor vehicle.

A 52-year-old man of Minden Hills was arrested and charged with the following:

- Drive while disqualified - two counts, contrary to the criminal code;
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking, contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act;
- Fail to Comply with Undertaking, contrary to the criminal code;
- Possession of Proceeds of Crime, contrary to the criminal code.

The accused appeared in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on Feb. 4 to answer to the charges.



Darren Lum Staff

Minden Florist's owner, Debbie Johnson, centre, and her staff Amanda Clement and designer, Lorraine Turcotte know Valentine's Day is the single busiest day of the year. Although roses continue to be the most popular, Turcotte said flowers in general are appreciated. She has more than 20 years of floral experience.

It's the thought that counts

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Sometimes a small gesture at Valentine's Day goes a long way.

Five years ago, Minden Florist designer Lorraine Turcotte remembers when a man came in with his grandson, who had never bought flowers for his wife in 50 years.

"He just thought they were a waste of money. So, I convinced him to buy a little plant (it was a \$3.95 plant). He came back after and he said, 'I don't know why I had not done that years ago. It made [my wife] so happy,' she said. 'It doesn't have to cost you a lot. It's the thought.'"

After more than 20 years in the floral business Turcotte's seen her share of teenagers and young men with the right intentions, but without an idea or direction. It still brings a smile to her face thinking of it. When she talks about Valentine's Day, she characterizes it as fun and romantic.

Although Turcotte encourages people to consider all of the flowers, roses still

rule.

Minden Florist owner Debbie Johnson said it's not even close.

She sells approximately 60 per cent more roses than her second best red carnations. Johnson opened her store in December 2012. It includes employee Amanda Clement.

In Haliburton, the Country Rose and Garden Centre staff says roses are still No. 1 and people are interested in complete package purchases.

Country Rose manager Joanne Nichols, who has worked at the Haliburton store for 27 years, reaffirms cut flowers, particularly red long-stemmed roses lead the way.

The trend now is the complete package. There have been more requests for a bouquet to be included with a greeting card and also sweets such as chocolates.

"It's one stop shopping," she said.

There is also an impact on sales when Valentine's Day is during the week.

Last year Valentine's was on a Tuesday and people didn't seem ready to buy

Monday, leaving purchases until the last day, Nichols said.

"The day of the week changes how people think. Actually, Thursday is supposed to be one of the best days to have a Valentine's Day," she said, adding in general retailers notice an uptick. She can't explain it except for a possibility there are fewer distractions. Nichols expects greater purchases and has increased her inventory of flowers slightly as a result.

When it comes to fresh-cut flower sales Valentine's Day is second only to Mother's Day.

Unlike last year when most of her sales happened on the day, Valentine's is usually spread over the day and the day before while Mother's Day is stretched out.

"It's more like Mother's Day week," she said.

Despite the common perception Valentine's Day is for women, showing appreciation for another person does not have to be restricted to gender, Turcotte said.

"Whether you say it every day or not it's the one day that you should take time

to say I love you," Turcotte said. "I told a man that yesterday ... everybody deserves it whether you're a man or a woman."

Note: Valentine's Day has many stories related to its beginning.

One story says its origins are rooted to paganism.

According to National Geographic News, hundreds of years ago on Feb. 15 there was a Roman annual celebration called Lupercalia. Men stripped naked and spanked young women with goat or dog-skin whips believing it would increase their fertility. The celebration continued 150 years after Christianity was adopted as the official religion of the Roman Empire. Realizing the celebration's popularity, Christianity adopted the celebration and credited St. Valentine with the occasion. By the third century the Roman Emperor Claudius II forbade young men from marriage to increase the ranks of the army. Despite the ban, Valentine married men in secret and was executed because of his actions on Feb. 14, AD 270.



Calm after the storm

Richard Bradley captured this photo in the calm the day after the storm in Minden.

Submitted

AH starts budget discussion

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands councillors started their 2013 budget discussions on Feb. 7.

Residents will likely be looking at a two per cent tax increase and the draft budget includes just more than one per cent growth.

There is a shortfall of approximately \$55,000, which councillors will be looking to trim. The shortfall would represent a further 1.5 per cent increase.

The draft budget includes approximately \$1.1 million for protective services, which includes the fire department, building/bylaw department, community policing and OPP payments, as well as other emergency measures.

OPP costs for the year are estimated at \$347,000.

Approximately \$1.7 million is allotted for transportation, which includes the roads department, the airport and streetlights.

The airport budget was compiled without an airport manager since the former manager was dismissed late last year. Council made a number of references to a preferred candidate to fill the position.

There was a huge spike in the sale of jet

fuel in 2012, with \$30,000 in sales anticipated and more than \$153,000 sold.

Treasurer Tammy McKelvey pointed out this was because of last year's incredibly dry summer and the amount of fuelling up the MNR did during firefighting.

"That's not something you want to count on," she said.

An estimated \$70,000 in jet fuel sales is included in the draft budget, along with \$70,000 for regular fuel sales.

There will be a reduction in hours in the airport manager position and the saving there will be kept in the airport budget for property repair purpose.

The estimated airport expenditures for 2013 are just more than \$300,000.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said there would also be \$5,000 for potential legal costs.

Waste management in the draft budget comes in at approximately \$480,000, parks and recreation at \$430,000, planning and development at \$88,000 and cemeteries at \$2,100.

The township is losing \$18,800 in Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund money this year. There is also a tax loss of approximately \$60,000 associated with the reassessment of provincial parks.

There will be an estimated surplus of \$200,000 from 2012 which will likely be

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The Once stuns Minden audience

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Their eyes are closed. On their faces, expressions of anguish give way to euphoria.

When The Once sing, they sing from a place of undeniable truth.

It's no wonder bringing the Newfoundland trio to the Highlands was on Haliburton County Folk Society member Eric Lilius's bucket list.

"I got goosebumps listening to them," Lilius has just told a packed Minden United Church, before introducing the band on the evening of Feb. 7.

And from the moment unassuming front woman Geraldine Hollett opens her mouth, it's clear more goosebumps are in store.

A voice beautiful in its purity leaps forth to dance above the heads of audience members.

When Andrew Dale and Phil Churchill join in to create deft three-part harmony, the effect is angelic.

Fresh off a stint in the U.K. and Ireland, The Once may be jetlagged but it sure doesn't sound like it. Unflinching harmonization is underpinned by Dale and Churchill's consummate multi-instrumentalism.

Guitar, mandolin, mandola, bodhran – they trade instruments like jugglers exchanging bowling pins.

Hollett, who is wearing no shoes, plays tambourine, sometimes by hand, sometimes by foot, as she sings. At times, she takes to the bodhran, an Irish drum beaten with a single stick.

The music is contemporary and classic at once. Pop sensibility is countered with mandolin runs that could have been played by the band members' grandfathers' grandfathers' grandfathers.

The melodies have crawled their way out of the annals of the Atlantic.

Some tunes float along lightly while others, like their take on traditional folk song *My Husband's Got No Courage in Him*, are romping dirges, with Hollett's voice rising to a violent explosion under the church's vaulted ceiling.

Like the traditional tunes that have inspired them, many of The Once's songs are stories, narratives about the difficult life Newfoundlanders have lived for centuries.

"My dad, along with a lot of people I know back home, is a fisherman," Hollett tells the crowd at one point.

Her grandfather, also a fisherman, was lost at sea.

Everything about the show is unpretentious.

"I really like it here," Hollett says simply at one point, remarking it's obvious the community is a tight-knit one.

In the second half of the show, the audience becomes a choir, chiming in with their parts at the direction of Hollett and Dale.



Chad Ingram Staff

The Once - Andrew Dale, Geraldine Hollett and Phil Churchill - performed some of three-part-harmony-laden songs acapella during a show at Minden United Church on Feb. 7.

The performance gets good reviews from the band, with Hollett saying she wishes she could pack up the Haliburton audience and take them along on tour.

Perhaps the most jaw-dropping parts of the show are the songs done acapella, again highlighting The Once's incredible dexterity in harmonics.

Perhaps the most surprising is a stripped-down cover of Queen's *You're My Best Friend*. There are also covers of Leonard Cohen's *The Anthem* and, as an encore, a banjo-laden version of Bob Dylan's *I'll Be Your Baby Tonight*.

The Once is currently promoting their third album. For more information on the band, visit www.theonce.ca.



Multi-instrumentalist Andrew Dale was busy on the mandolin, mandola, guitar and banjo during a concert by Newfoundland trio The Once at Minden United Church on Feb. 7.

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Once in a lifetime

THE ONCE CONCERT at the Minden United Church last Thursday was executed in perfect harmony.

The award-winning Newfoundland trio was brought to the community through the Haliburton County Folk Society as part of its 2012/2013 concert series.

It was glorious.

This is partly because The Once is just a damn good band. Masterful musicianship, velvety vocals, a delightfully off-beat and humorous front woman – they're undeniably talented.

But a truly enthralling musical experience is a two-way street. The onus is not completely on the performer. The audience has a role to play too.

And the crowd at the Minden United Church last week delivered.

From the start it was clear the show was going to be a good one, the group's deftly executed three-part harmonies a proverbial light drawing musical moths.

Two hundred people making nary a sound as The Once performed an acapella tune early in the first set.

Hushed respect.

Then, as the evening progressed, hand-clapping, foot-stomping and full-on singing along, with band members directing their makeshift choir.

Musicians feed off the energy of their audiences and it was abundantly clear last Thursday that The Once were hav-

ing as powerful an experience playing for us as we were watching them play.

I often argue that music is the superior art form. Like any other form of art – visual, literary, dramatic, etc. – it's a conduit for the expression of thought, feeling, and reflection.

However, when's the last time a book or painting made anyone want to stomp their feet, or dance, for that matter?

Music is communal, participatory in a way that other art forms are not.

In the last century or so, music for many has taken the form of recordings.

But for most of our existence, music was something that needed to be created live and live music is still where the art form

exudes its utmost power.

The air inside the Minden United Church last Thursday was a reminder of that.

That particular experience, with those musicians and those audience members, will never unfold again.

It was only meant to happen, well... once.

Shows put on by the society – run by a core of amiable aging hippies – have largely taken place in Haliburton and it was nice to see one take place in Minden.

This will happen again on May 23 when Catherine MacLellan comes to town.

For more information on the folk society, visit www.haliburtonfolk.com.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Kwarky



The Aisle

letters to the editor

Haliburton Concert Series celebrates 35th season

2013 marks the 35th season for the Haliburton Concert Series, and we are celebrating with a spectacular line up of guest artists.

The opening concert on May 4 features Michael Burgess and Rebecca Caine in *The Dream Concert*. Here comes musical theatre magic! Michael Burgess sang more than 1,000 performances as Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*, and Rebecca Caine created the original Christine Daae role in the long-running Toronto production of *Phantom of the Opera*. Now they come together to create a dazzling journey through the music of both classic and contemporary Broadway.

The second concert of our season is on Sept. 14 and will feature Duo Diorama. Pianist Winston Choi dazzled us two years ago with his solo performance. This year, he's returning with his charming wife, MingHuan Xu, a violinist who performs extensively in China and North America. They have a startlingly fresh and powerful approach to the music and perform a mix of styles ranging from great standard works to the avant garde.

The final concert on Oct. 26 will bring us THREE. We're delighted to welcome back the

impossibly talented Guy Few, who now brings with him colleagues Leslie Newman and Nadina Mackie Jackson to form THREE. With a combined mastery of flute, trumpet, corno, bassoon, piano and the human voice, THREE's programming is versatile and eclectic, ranging from the masterpieces of Western Europe to Argentinian tango to newly commissioned works by great Canadian Composers.

All concerts take place in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 7:30 p.m.

This is proving to be a very popular series – more than 70 per cent of the subscriptions have already been sold so if you're interested, don't delay. Adults \$50, students \$25, family pass \$125.

Subscriptions will be on sale until May 4, and then if there are any tickets left over, single tickets for the last two concerts will go on sale on May 5 for \$30 for adults and \$10 for students.

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points of view

Some fishy Valentine's Day advice

I'M NOT EXACTLY a wellspring of knowledge when it comes to doing Valentine's Day up right, but this much I do know – don't take Valentine's Day advice from porn stars.

That's why I was so surprised to see an article in the Valentine's section of a mainstream news website that said "Best Valentine's Day advice ever from porn star."

Unless the advice was, "Never tell anyone that you got Valentine's Day advice from a porn star" I can't see this being very useful.

I'll be honest with you. I never read past the headline. So, for all I know, beyond that headline lies the best Valentine's Day advice ever.

On the other hand – and here's what I'm thinking – beyond that headline just might be the kind of advice that could eventually lead to spending six months in a body cast.

Remember, these people are highly trained professionals. Reading that article, for me at least, would be akin to taking driving advice from Dale Earnhardt Junior. It could only lead to a horrible pile up that might make the six o'clock news. And no one wants that.

That's why I skipped right over that article and read things that were more my speed – like how to buy roses and chocolates and what kind of romantic gestures are appropriate and appreciated.

Even so, I will admit I'm curious. After all, the headline promised best advice ever.

It doesn't take all that much imagination to see that it probably has something to do with taking your spe-

cial lady to a place she's never been – like the middle of the lake for a day of ice fishing.

Obviously when you are there, you just don't rest on your laurels. No, you tell her that her eyes are just as beautiful as that of the emerald shiners you have in the bait bucket. Unless I'm mistaken, that ought to set the mood.

I suspect after that the article would advise you to woo her with some subtle, romantic gesture she can tell her friends about, like baiting her hook or showing her the yellow heart you made in the snow.

Look guys, I know it's kind of mushy and overly sentimental, but isn't spending time with her what Valentine's Day is really all about? And

where better to do it than on the middle of a desolate frozen lake where, if the bite is slow, you can give her your undivided attention?

No doubt this is the advice being offered in that article that no man in his right mind would admit to having read.

So to recap, here's what I learned. One, never tell anyone you took Valentine's Day advice from a porn star. Two, never attempt anything they advise. Because, if that advice really does have to do with taking her ice fishing – as I strongly suspect it does – you just might spend the next six months in a body cast.



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Beyond 35

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Filling up at the feeder

THE CHICKADEES THAT mob the bird feeder on Sapsucker Ridge are a kind of security detail to the downy woodpecker that hangs out with them.

That might not make visual sense, for the downys dwarf the little chickadees, but the smaller birds are eyes and ears to the giants among them.

Keeping their company lets the woodpeckers focus on dinner. If a threat appears, they count on the chickadees to sound the alarm.

Some chickadee hollers "zee" at the first hint of a predator and all the other birds in the neighbourhood shut up and stay very still until the danger has passed.

What exactly the chickadees get out of this arrangement is more than The Brown Dog Jiggs or I can figure out. From a human perspective, the woodpecker is kind of a bully.

Though the chickadees have a pecking order with rules not evident to my ill-informed eye, they lead a communal life that depends heavily on what look to me like good manners.

Each of them stays just long enough at the feeder to snatch a sunflower seed. If two birds approach the trough at about the same time, one may veer off and waits its turn or they may

share the perch.

But when a woodpecker comes in for a landing, the little birds clear out for it as though the devil himself had arrived and wait hungrily on the sidelines.

Downys mate for life, so there may be a pair of them with our little flock of chickadees, though some years there is only one. A nuthatch is almost always along for the ride, although not so far this year.

A winter bird feeder is both education and entertainment for dilettantes like me, but also a considerable responsibility. Let it go empty today and a bird may die overnight for your carelessness.

A chickadee enters into a kind of hibernation on cold nights. Lowering its temperature reduces the bird's energy requirements and may save it from starving to death in the dark.

My feeder hangs just outside my study window. It is a metal box with a balance beam for a perch that thwarts blue jays as well as squirrels.

Chickadees would rather eat insects and their eggs and larvae, but the sun-

flower seed is there for the taking. It's easier than hunting under bark for little bits of protein.

The feeder is there to amuse me, but I can't help learning by watching it. Other species come and go each winter, but my little band of chickadees, downys and nuthatch become permanent free-loaders.

Flocks of juncos, evening grosbeaks, redpolls or goldfinches stay only for a day or so. Impatient, they may move on while the feeder is down for a refill.

A single female purple finch monopolizes the balance beam, stays to eat as long as she wants, chases away intruders. Left alone, chickadees take their turn at the trough, grab a seed and fly off to hammer it open on some nearby branch.

My chickadees are black caps. Scientists know a lot about them because they don't mind having people around. Indeed, they become tame enough at feeders to perch on the hand of folks with more patience than I have.

Scientists have thoroughly parsed

the little birds' elaborate language. They know that a chickadee can live to be a dozen years old, but usually only one pair from a winter flock makes it through from one year to the next.

Winter flocks of six to 10 birds are aggregations of summer pairs, assembled to defend a territory of perhaps 20 acres. Summer pairs defend a territory about half that size in breeding season.

Though I can't even begin to understand the chickadee pecking order, I can see that there is one. One bird abandons its place at the trough to give way to its better. Some settle for the spillage on the ground.

The little bird is named for its call, chick-a-dee-dee-dee, perhaps because its song, fee-bee, was already taken by whoever named the phoebe.

On Sapsucker Ridge, that song, the chickadees' high-pitched, two-toned whistle, is an overture to spring. Love is in the air, but the little birds sing of real estate, not romance.

As for the warning call of zee, if chickadees were better Canadians, it would be zed.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

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Sharing savoury sweets



Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Most might think Valentine's Day is a season created by a giant greeting card company.

However, for some people this time of year is just an opportunity to share.

Judy Carpenter is a local custom cake maker and cannot help but smile while baking.

"I found over the years baking is a happy thing. There really isn't a lot of stress," she said.

The Carnarvon resident was born in Haliburton at the hospital (now Canoe FM). She's been serving the Highlands with Classy Cakes since 1980. Her business has grown mainly by word of mouth.

Carpenter's love can be tasted in every custom cake and other baked goods she makes such as her heart-shaped shortbread cookies. Her eight-year-old grandson told her the black forest cake is his favourite.

She has been baking since she was 11 and credits her start to her mother's friend Doris Robertson. Carpenter remembers going with her mother, Velda Harrison to see Robertson at her Ingoldsby home trying something new every visit.

This planted the seed to look for new recipes.

Now she has a collection of recipes dating back to the 1960s, including Joan Chambers's "1, 2, 3, 4" cake recipe page, splattered with molasses stains taken from her mother's *Carnarvon United Church Cookbook*.

For all the ingredients she has at her disposal, whether it's the Red Robin flour or the Watkins extracts, her love and passion come clearly through in everything she makes.

Clockwise, from bottom left, Judy Carpenter adds icing to her Valentine's Day inspired cupcakes; Carpenter's finished cupcakes and heart-shaped shortbread cookies; half a cup of cocoa powder is added for the icing that will be added to the cupcakes; carpenter lays down heart-shaped shortbread cookies on a cookie sheet; a set of measuring spoons lies across the page of a cake recipe taken from the *Carnarvon United Church Cookbook*. Carpenter said it's one of her favourites and credits Joan Chambers. She's had the page since she was close to 12. Carpenter, who runs Classy Cakes, was born in Haliburton and loves to bake as much as she loves the Highlands. Photos by Darren Lum



Detachment welcomes new officers

Name: Joel Imbeau

Age: 26

Hometown: New Liskeard ON

School: Graduated Canadore College North Bay

Hobbies: hockey and hunting

Name: Cassie Lee

Age: 25

Hometown: Port Perry ON

School: Graduated from Durham College in Oshawa

Hobbies: boating, snowmobiling, ATV'ing, camping, running, travelling, golf.

Name: Matthew Leach

Age: 22

Hometown: Pembroke ON

School: Graduated from police foundations at Algonquin College in

Ottawa Ontario 2010, OPP Auxiliary at OPP Upper Ottawa Valley

Auxiliary Unit and coached Special Olympics

Hobbies: fishing, snowboarding, hockey, cars, and snowmobiling

Stephen Pinatsis

Age: 25

Hometown: Toronto ON

School: graduated Centennial College for police foundations and

York University for Criminology.

Hobbies: hiking camping boating and fishing and all active sports



Darren Lum Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment Central Region Ontario Provincial Police's newest constables Joel Imbeau, left, Cassie Lee, Matthew Leach and Stephen Pinatsis. Imbeau and Leach have been at the detachment since September, 2012 while Lee and Pinatsis started in January, 2013.

County passes 2013 budget, taxes to increase less than 2 %

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Most Haliburton County residents will be looking at an upper tier property tax increase of just less than two per cent in 2013.

County councillors passed this year's budget at a special meeting on Feb. 6.

The budget contains approximately \$20.6 million in expenditures, \$12.5 million of which will come from taxes.

The levy increase over last year is 3.4 per cent, with approximately 1.4 per cent of that coming from growth and just less than two from existing properties.

Taking waterfront and non-waterfront properties into account, the average residential property in Haliburton County is valued at \$163,000. If the assessment on that property remained constant, it would mean an increase of \$10.27 for county purposes.

At a Jan. 23 meeting, councillors resolved to hire a new tourism director. Last year, \$80,000 had been pulled from that department's budget with the spring retirement of former director Bob Smith.

Money has been found within the budget to help pay the wages of a new director once one is hired.

Funds for a \$30,000 aerial photography project in the planning department were moved for the purpose.

In the tourism department, \$6,000 was removed from the tourism strategic development plan and \$10,000 from a county branding initiative.

That money has been moved to the advertising line but allows for flexibility for other purposes.

More than \$2.5 million of county tax will come from Algonquin Highlands; more than \$4.7 million from Dysart et al; more than \$1.7 from Highlands East; and more than \$3.3 million from Minden Hills.

Roads comprise 43 per cent of the budget; health costs 23; social services and housing 14; MPAC expenses five per

cent; library expenses four per cent; administration three per cent; tourism two; planning two; broadband Internet expansion one per cent; and other expenses three per cent of the budget.

At Wednesday's meeting, treasurer Laura Janke said there will be a deficit of at least \$25,000 and that the county had just received a large bill in the roads department.

It will be paid through working fund reserves.

The county's reserves are sitting around \$2.5 million, the lowest they've been since 2007, but the county is also debt-free for the first time in a decade.

The education tax rate is dropping four per cent for the year, from \$221 per \$100,000 of residential assessment to \$212 per \$100,000 of residential assessment.

In Minden Hills, taxpayers are likely looking at a 1.7 tax increase. Coupled with 1.3 per cent growth, it's on course for a three per cent levy increase for the year.

Budget discussions there will continue this month, as they will in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Highlands East.

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Head to Dorset for Snowball

Friday, Feb. 15 Evening Events

In the event of poor ice conditions at the rink on Friday, the Family Skating Party will morph into the all new Family Dance Party at the Dorset Recreation Centre - same time (6 to 9 p.m.) - same show - KJ Chris with music and lights.

Join Mr and Mrs Snowball at the Family Skating Party with Music and Light Show - hot dogs and hot chocolate on sale at the Dorset Rink 6 to 9 p.m. provided by the Dorset Recreation Centre Committee. A new 2013 Snowball event! The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival "Snowball Prince and Princess Pageant"

Saturday, Feb. 16 Events - Inside Stuff

Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly all day pancake breakfast

Adult - \$6 with a Snowball button, children 6-12 - \$4 with a button, children under 6, \$2. Pancakes, sausage, syrup, coffee, tea, milk, orange juice or hot chocolate. Upstairs in the recreation centre from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Lunch

One sausage, \$5, one hot dog, 3 (Snowball button required). On a bun with fixings, coffee, tea, orange juice, milk or hot chocolate. Veggie dogs will be available. Upstairs in the recreation centre from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dorset Lions Club will be selling draw tickets upstairs in the rec centre throughout the day with proceeds to community betterment.

Library open 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - a quiet spot to come in, warm up and have a rest.

Drumming Circle with Rhythmic by Nature in the library from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The spirit and magic of drumming and rhythm transcends all ages, gender, religions, races, and cultures. Drum circles have the power to heal and empower, to foster unity and community, and to liberate our primal souls! Experience Rhythmic by Nature, create community, shed inhibitions, release your passion, and celebrate life through rhythm. No hand drumming experience necessary! (instruments will be available.) Bring any hand drums or percussion instruments you have. An all ages, accessible, family-

friendly event.

Silent auction upstairs in the rec centre from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A selection of wonderful items to bid on - auction closes and winners can pick up their items at 3 p.m. Proceeds towards next year's Snowball.

Snowball souvenirs sweatshirts, coffee mugs, hats and headbands, on sale upstairs in the rec centre. Don't forget to fill out your ballot for the free draw. (Draw held at next Snowball Committee Meeting).

Dorset Heritage Museum

Open today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - come in and have a look!

Snowball Cafe tea, coffee and sweets and bake sale provided by Knox United's UCW and St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church, downstairs in the rec centre. Have a seat, take a rest and warm up! 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Paul Wilson will entertain with his voice and guitar in the Snowball Cafe - downstairs in the rec centre 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chili Lunch

With a dinner roll to eat in or take home, provided by the Dorset Lifeliners. (Vegetarian chili will be available.) Available downstairs in Rec Centre 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Stonecarving Workshop with Elise Muller of Stone Tree Studio

Downstairs in rec centre 12 - 3 p.m. Try your hand at stonecarving. An assortment of files, polishing papers and stone (alabaster and soapstone) will be available to try. Elise will also be displaying and selling her sculptures.

Face Painting with Painted Kids

Downstairs in rec centre 12 - 3 p.m. Kids - stop in and get a cheeky work of art created by a professional face painter.

18th Century Fur Traders Display

Mike Buss is a fur trade history buff, interpreter and re-enactor. With period artifacts and furs Mike provides a firsthand look and feel of Canada's first land based resource industry. Get a glimpse of the material culture of the 18th century and ask questions about the history of this important and sustainable industry - downstairs in the rec centre 12 - 3 p.m.

Minnow Races

Downstairs in rec centre 12 - 3 p.m. Provided by The Township of Algonquin Highlands Council.

Non Stop Entertainment Schedule - Inside

12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - Trulee Odd Show, One Man Show in the main hall of the Rec Centre. See Odd stilt walking in the parade, and catch his show - unicycling, juggling balloon twisting and balloon buffoonary.

1 p.m. - Central Ontario School of Falconry Birds of Prey Show - upstairs in the rec centre - learn all about birds from our area and see an amazing bird of prey hunt in our gym - keep your fur hats covered!

Saturday Events - Outside Stuff

Free Skate at the rink to 12 p.m.

Tall Pines Snowmobile Club The club's groomer will be on display by the ball diamond.

Algonquin Highlands Fire Station 60 open house

The fire station will be open throughout the day. Stop in for a visit - check out the equipment. The FD will be demonstrating an ice water rescue in the narrows beside Cedar Narrows Park.

"Hot Moose Tongues" by the fire hall

Hot apple cider and peameal on a bun by the Dorset Lions Club in their booth beside the Dorset Community Policing office.

The Shanty Man's Tools - A 19th Century woodworking demonstration. Learn to hew, crosscut and drill the old way. Presented by Portico Timber Frame display by the ball diamond.

Snowball Town Crier will host the official opening.

Chainsaw Carving Demonstration - watch carver Gerald Guenkel of Get A Head Carvings in front of the Recreation Centre from 10:30 am to 2:30 p.m. Carvings will be available to purchase.

Remax Balloon Ride. Enjoy a tethered balloon ride provided by Bill and June Johnson, Remax Muskoka, Dorset. Weather permitting. Behind the LCBO.

Saturday Timed Events - More Outside Things to Do

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Snow Sculpture Activity by the ball diamond. Join organizer Linda - she needs your help to create wonderful Snowball Snow Sculptures. All are welcome to participate - Snowball Button required. Tools provided. No experience needed.

11 a.m. Snowball Parade All are welcome to participate in the parade! No float is too big or too small - get creative and join the fun! Be at Dorset Garage at 10:45 a.m. to join in. Kid's, pick up a costume (first come first serve) at the rec centre and be a part of the celebration!

11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting in front of the rec centre with our Town Crier, municipal, provincial and federal local politicians.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Karaoke with karaoke jockey KJ Chris. Sing your heart out and join the fun!

11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Wildlife Caller two shows - given by Stephen Morrin (outdoorsman, poet and wildlife caller) - a very entertaining demo showcasing wildlife calls from geese to woodpeckers and a few surprises in between - don't miss it! 10th Anniversary special surprise guest! By the Firehall.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gyroscope and BodyZorbs Activity Fun for all ages. Smash, crash and laugh in the 5' inflatable BodyZorbs and fly like an astronaut in the gyroscope. 3 in 1 experience! Kids adore the thrills! Teens challenge your friends! Moms and dads feel young at heart! In the ball diamond, Organizers: Elephant Thoughts Entertainment.

12 to 3 p.m. Horse Drawn Wagon Rides down Main St.

12 to 1 p.m. Kid's Broomball Game for kids at the rink. Teams of 6. Bring a team or just come and join a team! Helmets required and are provided thanks to Dorset Community Policing. Organizer: Joe Alfano

12 p.m. Ice Water Rescue Demonstration The volunteer fire fighters from Algonquin Highlands Fire Services Station 60 Dorset will be demonstrating an ice water rescue in the Dorset channel beside Cedar Narrows Park (behind Northern D'Lites).

12:30 and 2 p.m. Junkyard Symphony: Junkyard Jam - a 45 minute show. Jonny and friends jam with the audience along to the beat of the junk. The only language spoken is the language of rhythm. Volunteers get to drum on buckets, dance the macarena, do the limbo and have a ball!

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Snow Snake Games Try your luck at this ancient activity traditional to our area. No experience required! At the ball diamond. Organizers: Doris and Craig Macdonald. Prize for everyone who tries it!

12:30 p.m. Snowshow Race for ages 8 to 11 organized by Sheila and Harry Edgar and Bill and Mary Rashleigh, behind the Recreation Centre. Great Prizes!

12:50 p.m. Snowshoe Race for ages 12-18 organized by Sheila and Harry Edgar and Bill and Mary Rashleigh, behind the Recreation Centre. Fabulous Prizes!

1:10 p.m. Snowshoe Race for ages 18 and up organized by Sheila and Harry Edgar and Bill and Mary Rashleigh, behind the Recreation Centre. Spectacular Prizes!

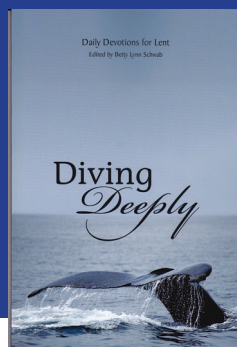
2:30 p.m. Hockey Shoot Out at the rink. Helmets required.

3 pm Kids vs Adults Shinny Game at the rink, everyone welcome, helmets required.

7:30 p.m. Hockey Night in Dorset new earlier time! Come out and cheer for your favorite team! Helmets and equipment required. Hot Chocolate and treats on sale by the Dorset Rink Upgrades Fundraising Committee.

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Bears' Lair roars back to life

Galen Eagle
QMI Agency

When she entered the Bears' Lair competition last year, 32-year-old Tia Star had ran an online clothing store with a dream of opening up her own boutique in Peterborough.

Since winning the competition, Star has been living that dream, having opened up her storefront on Hunter Street six months ago.

"A lot has changed. A year ago, I felt like I was on my own, trying to start a business," she said. "Now, I'm part of the community, have a lot of support and have been able to take my business to the next stage."

Star is returning to the competition, this time as a co-chairwoman and judge.

"This contest is just a great way to show that the community is here to help," she said. "It's really a great way of bringing entrepreneurs together and creating the entrepreneurial experience and enthusiasm."

The third annual Bears' Lair business competition, the Peterborough area's version of the popular CBC-TV show *Dragons' Den* run by the Workplace Development Board, got underway earlier this month, giving contestants an opportunity to test out a new business idea or expansion plan.

"It's a fabulous feeling to know that with your help they're able to do it and without it possibly not," said co-chairwoman Amy Simpson, fellow co-chair and owner of MicroAge Computers. "Their business will flourish and they'll start dealing with other businesses and there's a trickledown effect."

The winner walks away with about \$20,000 in prize and cash packages that includes a computer system, wardrobe advice, a website, social media coaching and printing materials.

Budding entrepreneurs in Peterborough, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland can apply online.

Competitors enter by posting a picture on the Bears' Lair Facebook page. Those with the most "likes" will receive an early bird award of \$350.

This year, rather than paper applications, competitors will be asked to create a three-minute video outlining their business plan. The videos, which will only be viewed by organizers, need to show the plan's benefits to the local economy, innovation, viability and the entrepreneur's overall business acumen, experience, passion and presentation skills.

"Through social media ... I believe we can reach more people. I'd like to tell the journey, tell the story, so that a lot of people see it," said co-chair Sophie Andreou, a local entrepreneur and social media guru.

"My biggest pet peeve is meeting somebody that is extraordinary and they have to leave [the area] to follow their dreams. I'm hoping this contest will not only give us someone with great ideas and have them win, but all those other people with great ideas will know they can do it here too."

Contestants have until March 20 to post their Facebook picture and submit their video.

A group of semi-finalists will be selected and will have the opportunity to go through boot camp training through the Ontario Centres of Excellence to prepare for their live pitches.

The semi-finalists will make a three-minute presenta-

tion to organizers on April 4 at which point four finalists will be chosen.

The final four will have an opportunity to hone their presentation skills by pitching to the Creative Cocktail meeting later that night in preparation for the event's grand finale at Market Hall April 23.

Tickets for that show are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

For full contest details, visit www.bearslair.ca.

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Minden Winterfest schedule

Sunday, Feb. 17 and Monday, Feb. 18 at the Minden Community Centre and the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Sunday, Feb. 17
9 a.m. Curling at Minden Curling Club – Call Lynda Litwin at 705-457-8511

12 to 2 p.m. Public skating sponsored by Minden Pharmasave

12 p.m. CASC Magnum Ice Racing at the fairgrounds sponsored by Kinsmen Club of Minden

2 to 3:30 p.m. Highland Storm Minor Hockey game

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Minden Figure Skating Club Show

4:30 to 6 p.m. Dawson's Game, an always

exciting hockey game played in memory of Dawson Hamilton. Includes "Chuck the Puck" and other fun activities.

3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sixth annual Chili Competition at the Minden Community Centre.

Monday, Feb. 18

8:30 to 11 a.m. Pancake breakfast at Minden Community Centre brought to you by the Haliburton County Fair Board

12 to 3 p.m. Sno-Pitch Tournament – to pre-register contact Tammy and Craig Smith at 705-286-3013 and join the fun.

12 to 1 p.m. Old timers hockey- come out and cheer them on!

1 to 2 p.m. Shinny hockey-ages up to 11. Full equipment required.

2 to 3 p.m. Men's league hockey

3 to 4 p.m. Shinny hockey-ages 12 to 18 years. Full equipment required.

4 to 6 p.m. Family skating



Rachel Thorn and Gwen Turner sweeping at a previous Winterfest. File photo



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High single Hdcp. John Pugh 290
High triple. Ken Thompson 722
High triple Hdcp. Ken Thompson 762

Ladies.
High avg. Chris Cote 189
High single. Chris Cote 237
High single Hdcp. Anne Lampman 290
High triple. Cris Cote 562
High triple Hdcp. Anne Lampman 703

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High single. Tom Holleran 290
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Ladies.
High avg. Marlene Robinson 174
High single. Brenda Harding 219
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High single. Claude Cote and George Hamilton 256
High single Hdcp. George Hamilton 332
High triple. Claude Copte 649
High triple Hdcp. George Hamilton 737

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Dance the night away
Minden benefit dance for Community
Living hosted by Pier's BBQ House at the
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OBJECTIVE	BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT		COMMUNITY INNOVATION	
PRIORITY	Skills Development	Business Planning and Market Expansion	Local Initiatives	Community Capacity Building
TOTAL	\$90,000	\$70,000	\$141,200	\$232,600
PRIORITY MAXIMUM	Up to 25,000/business 5,000 per individual	Up to 5,000	Up to 10,000	Up to 100,000
DESCRIPTION	Development and training for employees and owners	To assist with research, planning and market expansion	To support engagement in community economic development projects.	To support innovative initiatives that have the potential of making a significant impact on economic development in Haliburton County.
MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ELIGIBLE COSTS – NOTE: For Community Innovation Projects for Not for Profits and Social Enterprises – Recipient must contribute a minimum of 20% - with a minimum of 10% in cash, and a maximum of 10% in-kind contributions				
Not-for-profit organizations	N/A	N/A	Up to 80% 10% in kind 10% in cash	Up to 80% 10% in kind 10% in cash
Social Enterprises	50%	75%	Up to 80%	Up to 80%
Municipalities	N/A	N/A	Up to 80%	Up to 50%
Businesses	50%	50%	N/A	Up to 50%
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS	April 15, 2013	April 15, 2013	March 1, 2013	March 15, 2013



A chocolate treat for your sweetheart

Chocolate and Valentine's Day are like peas in a pod. Valentine's Day enthusiasts find it hard to imagine going without chocolate on that special mid-February day when couples express their love for one another.

This Valentine's Day, men and women can go above and beyond when gifting their sweetheart and prepare a homemade chocolate dish that's sure to please. A recipe like the following for Chocolate-Covered Caramelized Cashews from Michael Recchiuti and Fran Gage's *Chocolate Obsession* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang) should put a smile on your sweetheart's face this Valentine's Day.

Chocolate-Covered

Caramelized Cashews

Makes about 11 ounces
 1 1/2 cups whole cashews
 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 2 teaspoons unsalted butter with 82% butterfat
 1/2 cup unsweetened natural cocoa powder
 1/2 cup tempered 65-70 per cent chocolate
 Roast and caramelize the cashews:
 Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line the bottom of a sheet pan with parchment paper.
 Use only whole cashews, not broken

pieces. Spread them on the prepared pan in a single layer. Roast the nuts until they are medium brown, about 12 minutes.

While the nuts are roasting, put a piece of parchment paper or a nonstick baking liner on a work surface. Measure the sugar and butter and put both of them next to the stove.

As soon as the nuts are roasted, place a medium heavy-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Use an unlined copper pot if you have one. When the pot is hot – test by flicking a drop of water into the pan; it should sizzle and dance across the bottom -- immediately add the nuts and the sugar. Cook, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the sugar liquefies and coats the nuts. If they start to smoke, reduce the heat. When only a few specks of sugar remain unmelted, remove from the heat and add the butter. Stir until the nuts glisten and start to separate from one another.

Scrape the nuts onto the parchment paper or baking liner and separate them into individual pieces as best as you can. When they are cool enough to handle, carefully break apart any that are stuck together.

Let the nuts cool to room temperature.

Coat the nuts with chocolate:

Chill a large metal bowl in the refrigerator for at least 20 minutes. Line the bottom of a large sheet pan with parchment paper. Sift the cocoa powder into a medium bowl.

Put the caramelized nuts in the chilled

bowl. Add the tempered chocolate and stir in to coat the nuts with the chocolate. When the chocolate has almost set, after about five minutes, sift about half the cocoa powder onto the nuts. Stir until the nuts start to separate, and then toss them with your hands to separate them into individual pieces. Add more cocoa powder if needed to separate them completely. You may have cocoa powder left over.

Put the nuts in a sieve, shake them to remove any excess cocoa powder, and then spread them in a single layer on the prepared pan.

When the chocolate has set, store the nuts in an airtight container in a cool, dry place, not in the refrigerator, for up to two weeks.



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There are many different ways to convey feelings of affection. Some people pen poetry, others bestow gifts, while still others feel moved by music and lyrics. Songs have long been a popular way to convey emotions, and love songs have been performed by artists from nearly every musical genre at some point in time.

Although music is subjective, some love songs have stood out as fan favorites. Commonly featured at weddings or as the backdrop on romantic evenings, the following songs are considered some of the more popular love songs of all time.

- "Love Theme From 'A Star Is Born'" (Evergreen): This Barbara Streisand classic from the hit film helped Streisand earn both an Academy Award for Best Song from a Motion Picture and Grammy Award for Song of the Year.
- "Up Where We Belong": Few people can forget the ending scene of "An Officer and a Gentleman" when Richard Gere sweeps Debra Winger off of her feet. The song "Up Where We Belong" by Jennifer Warnes and Joe Cocker from the movie will always be a romantic favorite.
- "All My Life": Former Jodeci members K-Ci and JoJo created an enduring romantic song with this pop hit.
- * "Save the Best for Last": This song became Vanessa Williams' signature song and a smash hit.
- "Be With You": Soul singer Mary J. Blige emphasizes sticking with the one you love by being loyal.
- "I Do It for You": This Bryan Adams hit was nominated for an Oscar as the theme for the 1991 film "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves."
- "I'll Make Love to You": This Boyz II Men song was one of the longest-running No. 1 hits of all time.
- "Lovesong": The Cure's Robert Smith penned this song as a present to his wife, Mary, in 1988.
- "Sweet Love": Anita Baker's soulful hit helped turn her

from a budding R&B singer into a household name.

- "Love Me Tender": His good looks and gyrating hips helped thousands of women fall in love with Elvis Presley. However, this signature love song endeared the famed crooner to many others.
- "My Heart Will Go On": Celine Dion's theme from "Titanic" became one of the most popular love songs of all time after the film's 1997 debut.
- "I'll Stand by You": This 1994 hit from The Pretenders can be interpreted as a song of romantic devotion or a commitment to friends.
- "You Are So Beautiful": Joe Cocker makes the list again with this soulful 1975 hit.
- "Have I Told You Lately": Originally written and recorded by Van Morrison, this song gained new life and notoriety when recorded by Rod Stewart.
- "My Girl": Beloved R&B group The Temptations deliver a song about sunshine on a cloudy day in this classic.
- "I Will Always Love You": Written and performed by Dolly Parton, this song is perhaps most known for the version performed by Whitney Houston for the soundtrack of her 1992 film "The Bodyguard."
- "Time After Time": A song of devotion, Cyndi Lauper earned her first No. 1 single with this hit.
- * "Hey There, Delilah": A simple song of young love by the Plain White T's.
- "Unchained Melody": The Righteous Brothers delivered the best-known version of this song, which helped create movie magic between Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore in the 1990 film "Ghost."
- "Just the Way You Are": Billy Joel's classic in which he tells his beloved she is perfect as-is.
- "Your Song": A simple, eloquently written song of love from Elton John.

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County councillors cost taxpayers \$100,000

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County council cost taxpayers just less than \$100,000 for 2012.

The county's finance and correspondence committee received a report on councillors' expenses for last year during a Feb. 6 meeting.

With per diem payments of \$9,820 and \$108.06 in mileage, expenses for Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch were \$9,928.06.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton received \$9,215 per diem and \$1,026.62 in mileage for a total of \$10,241.62.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge collected \$9,600 in per diem payments, \$1,559 in mileage and \$112.57 in other expenses for \$11,271.57.

With per diem at \$10,260 and mileage at \$1,225.79, expenses for Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis were \$11,485.79.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid received \$10,140 in per diem payments, \$603.71 for mileage and \$1,303.96 for expenses for a total of \$12,047.67.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Mofatt had a total of \$12,631.37 in expenses, including \$11,800 in per diem payments and \$831.37 in mileage.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen received \$10,960 in per diem, \$2,280.52 for mileage and \$117.07 in other expenses for a total of \$13,357.59.

Dysart et Reeve and last year's county warden Murray Fearrey was paid \$17,015 in per diem payments, \$875.31 for mileage and \$707.46 in other expenses for a total of \$18,597.77.

Total expenses for council were \$99,560. Per diem and mileage payments for the county's four-member library board totalled approximately \$3,085.

Costs for the land division committee were approximately \$3,217 and for the accessibility committee approximately \$1,726.

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Chamber of Commerce awards done differently this year

Jenn Watt
Editor

Running a business can be a thankless job. Most of the time, entrepreneurs spend their time concentrating on their products, services, employees, paperwork – there's little for recognition of a job well done.

That's where the Chamber of Commerce community and business awards come in.

On Feb. 23, the chamber will be recognizing non-profits, individuals and businesses for excellence.

"Recognition of achievement is one of the key categories that we, as human beings, strive for," awards chairwoman Cheryl McCombe says.

"This is one area on a local level we can do that."

This year, the chamber will be deciding on winners in a different way.

Panels of judges have been selected to comb over nominations. The winning business or individual will go through two rounds of vetting.

In previous years, the chamber had asked its members to vote for the winning candidate.

The change is "to try something new" McCombe said, adding that the judges would be sticking to category criteria in making their

decisions.

About a third of chamber members voted in last year's awards.

There are nine awards being decided by judges, with a 10th decided by Warden Carol Moffatt: customer first, business achievement, skilled trades, not-for-profit, Highlander of the Year, tourism and hospitality, innovation, new business and Entrepreneur of the Year.

In the new business category, a list of seven businesses was released last week, but since that time three businesses have been removed because they did not meet the criterion of being open for between one and three years.

The list now reads: Haliburton RPM, The Highlander, Algonquin Painting and Haliburton Indoor Cycling.

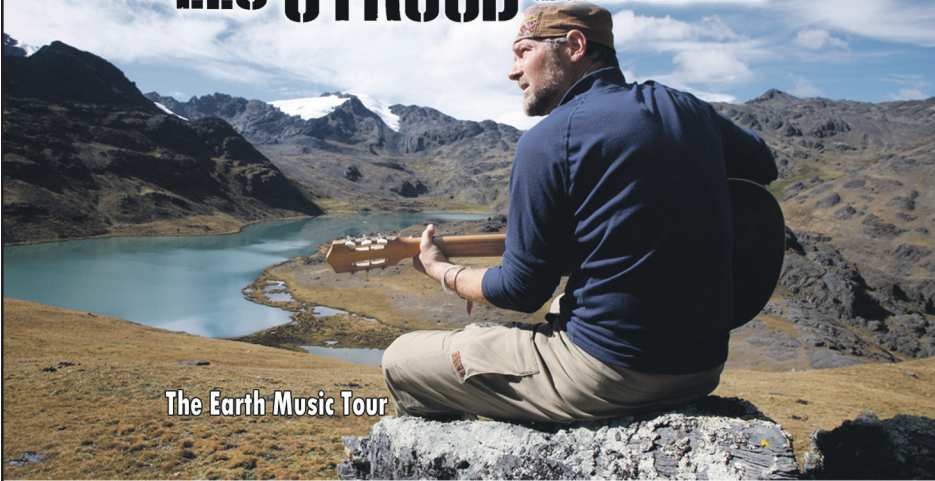
The gala is being held at the Haliburton Legion, catered by Hali's Bistro with MC Mike Jaycock.

A day before the Oscars, McCombe said the entire weekend will have a celebratory feel.

Sponsorships are still available with funds going to the chamber. McCombe highlighted the "proud sponsor" category – a \$100 contribution, which will be recognized in thank-you ads and in the program.



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Peewee As win series

After a devastating 5-1 loss that put Smolen Dentistry's Peewee A team down two games to one last week in Parry Sound, many parents quietly assumed that our squad was all but done.

The only problem ... someone forgot to tell the boys. After one of their worst games of the year, the Storm came back with two of their best to win the series 3-2.

The weekend started with the squad playing in front of a packed crowd in Minden. Right out of the gate there was a jump in their step that was sorely lacking the weekend before.

Alexander Petrie got things rolling early, cutting in off the side boards and potting a shot over the blocker of the unsuspecting goalie. Kyle Cooper netted another on the powerplay and it looked as if we were off to the races. With a team as good as the Parry Sound Shamrocks though, we should have known better.

In the second, Parry Sound quickly came back with a goal in the first minute and another on the power play midway through to even it up.

The entire series may have ended differently if not for our goalie, Parker Smolen. A mad scramble in front resulted in a penalty shot being awarded to Parry Sound's star player, Aiden Dudas. The whole arena held its breath as he came in on Smolen only to be stymied by a fantastic pad save. Smolen had an unbelievable night, and before the period was over Cooper put us back ahead by one.

In the third period, Josh Boice fed a nice pass to Owen Smith in front on the power play but their star player, Dudas, brought Parry Sound back to within one with five minutes left.

It was a tense final few moments until Boice broke free to score the empty-netter and force a fifth and final game the next day in Parry Sound.

And what a game it was. It started with both teams in full stride. Chances were traded at either end and this time, it was Josh Bellefleur's turn to stand tall in net. Parry Sound's Dudas broke free halfway through the period to score the first goal of the game but Boice's pass in front to Smith evened things up.

It looked like the period would stay deadlocked but a mad scramble in front of the Storm net ended with Parry Sound poking in the loose puck to take the lead going into the second.

At no point in the game did the Storm look like they had lost control. Cooper's wristed tied the score early in the second and then Smitty had a beautiful rush, picking his way through several Shamrocks before netting his second of the game. Back and forth it went; Parry Sound scored again to tie it up before the end of the second then took the lead in the third.

But on this night, our boys were not to be denied. With four minutes left in the third, Smitty completed the hat trick by stopping a shot from the point and patiently slipping in the backhand that would take us to overtime.

After all that had happened in this series, it was only fitting that this, the final game, would go to overtime.

All of the elements of a spectacular series have been evi-

dent: drama, emotion, some controversy to keep it interesting, but above all, two incredibly matched teams displaying every ounce of effort to win.

With a face-off in Parry Sound's end Cooper won the draw back to Ryan Prentice at the blue line. Ryan's shot was deftly deflected by Devyn Prentice and past the unsuspecting Parry Sound goaltender...bedlam!

With that goal it was our children's turn to teach the parents a lesson - never give up - with heart and steadfast determination you win no matter what. Congratulations, boys - on to Ennismore we go!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Storm girls continue play downs

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Storm Midget girls struggled to find their scoring touch on the weekend as they faced off against the Almaguin Gazelles in their Provincial Midget B Play downs.

Friday night's road trip to Almaguin was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions, so the Storm hosted the Gazelles on Saturday afternoon in Minden. Almaguin jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first period and Jessica Duchene tied the game in the second with a nice deflection to the top corner of the net.

The score remained 1-1 with about six minutes left in the game where the tide turned and Almaguin scored three unanswered goals to steal the first game of the home and home series.

The Storm girls travelled to Sundridge on Sunday afternoon to play the second game of the series.

Failing to find the twine, the Almaguin squad wrapped up the series with the Highland Storm Midget girls with a talented effort stopping all Storm shooters. Final score 4-0. The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Storm girls continue their Provincial Midget B Play downs Saturday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. against the Ice Cats from Clearview in Minden and then travel to Nottawasaga Sunday night to wrap up the two-game home and home series.

The Storm girls will need to win both games to hope for a tie-breaking possibility of advancing to Ottawa. The Highland Storm girls play their last tournament March 1, 2 and 3 in the Clearview Midget B Classic. Work on your scoring touch, girls as we forge ahead.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Storm Novice put up good fight

Even though the Highland Storm Novice team was put out of the playoffs that doesn't mean they're done playing hockey. They played an exhibition game against the Bancroft Jets in Wilberforce Thursday night. The Jets score

twice in the first, the Storm answer back with a goal scored by Kyan Hall assisted by Hunter Winder.

Halfway through the second the Jets score again, the Storm respond with a goal from Gage Hutchinson assisted by Nick Phippen, the Jets get one more with five seconds left in the period.

The Jets come out quick in the third with two more goals, the Storm fight back and find the net two more times with a goal for Matthew Vargas assisted by Ty Mills and Phippen then scored again with a goal by Phippen assists for Vargas and Mills to end the game 6-4 for Bancroft.

Submitted by Trish Phippen

Heartache for Storm boys

The Peppermill Atom A team hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks on Saturday, Feb. 9 for game four of the first round of playoffs.

With five points under their belts and only one for the Shamrocks, the Storm stepped on the ice with confidence and determination to advance to the next round. Over the course of the first and second periods, the Storm scored the first three goals. First Alex Little put a nice one in on a pass from Zach Morissette, then Joe Boice from Miki Bukta.

The third was by Nigel Smith, unassisted.

At one point the Storm led the game 3-0. Well into the second period the boys were feeling unstoppable. They may have got a little too confident though because Parry Sound suddenly pulled up their socks and put themselves back into the game in a big way!

Once Parry Sound caught up, the Storm boys played a very equal game and the points went back and forth with the next two goals for Storm coming from Benn MacNaull, first from Ethan Glecoff and then unassisted.

Once again, it looked as if the boys would end the first series with their 5-4 lead when in the last minute of the game a lucky Shamrock put one in the net to tie things up and send them to overtime.

If the boys could hold on to the tie they would advance, but luck was on the side of the Shamrocks and after five minutes of overtime they scored the last goal to win the game.

Sunday brought more heartache for the Storm boys.

The wind had clearly been knocked out of their sails by the previous day's loss.

The boys were clearly not on top of their game and couldn't buy a goal until well into the third period when Alex Little finally put the Storm's first and only puck in the net. The boys lost 3-1 to bring the series to a tie with five points for each team. It's do or die on Tuesday, whichever team wins will advance to the next round.

Next, and hopefully not their last game, is Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Minden.

Let's go, Storm!

Submitted by Jenn Little



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Medford team wins CarQuest trophy

The CarQuest of Minden Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel was held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the Minden Curling Club. There were 16 teams from 10 different clubs.

With the highest point total the winners of the CarQuest Trophy was the team from Fenelon Falls skipped by Wayne Medford, vice Rolf Martens, second Dennis Johnson and lead Mitch Skopyk.

The Minden Curling Club and all who participated would

like to thank CarQuest of Minden owners Andy and Christa Rickard for sponsoring this event.

The draw winners were:

First Draw

- 1st Ted Wilkes, Minden
- 2nd Dave Connell, Haliburton
- 3rd Del Watson, Haliburton

- 4th Brian Hough, South Muskoka

Second Draw

- 1st Wayne Medford, Fenelon Falls
 - 2nd Dave Millington, Minden
 - 3rd Don Bunt, Beaverton
 - 4th Murray Cooper, Minden
- Submitted by Ken Spicer



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Bonspiel attracts teams from near and far

On Jan. 25 and 26 the Minden Curling Club hosted its 52nd annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel.

Teams from Port Perry, Whitby, Uxbridge, Brampton and Minden Curling Club comprise the 16 teams most of which are repeat entries. The two-day spiel began on Friday night with two draws and concluded on Saturday with four draws and the finals. The event was capped off with a banquet. Thanks to club volunteers Jack & Winn Taylor, Jim and Marian Gillanders, Dave McKay, Pat Woodcroft, Iain Kay and Joyce Nilsson, Judith McNielage, Dave and Vickie Tranter, and Steve and Audrey Robson.

The A division and the Jug City Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of John Sloan (skip), Pam Weiss (vice) Mark Weiss (second) and Susan Sloan (lead). The B division and Heat-Line Freeze Protection Trophy was won by the Minden team of Ray Kidon (skip), Janet Kidon (vice), Ron Bobbie (second) and Joanne Bobbie (lead). The C division and Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Scotty Boyd (skip), Jane Boyd (vice) Bert Kennedy (second) and Jayne Kennedy (lead). The D division and Coneybeare's Butcher's Shop Trophy went to the Whitby team skipped by Rob Warren, with Casey Warren (vice) Ian Conn (second) and Joan Conn (lead). Many thanks to our sponsors, Jug City, Heat-Line Freeze Protection, Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty, and Coneybeare's Butcher Shop.

- Submitted by Steve Robson



A division winners of the Jug City Trophy, from left to right, John Sloan (Skip), Pam Weiss (Vice), Mark Weiss (Second), Suesan Sloan (Lead).



B division winners of the Heat-Line Freeze Protection Trophy, from left to right, Ray Kidon (Skip), Janet Kidon (Vice), Joanne Bobbie (Lead), Ron Bobbie (Second).



C division winners of the Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy, from left to right, Scotty Boyd (Skip), Jane Boyd (Vice), Jayne Kennedy (Lead), Bert Kennedy (Second).



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On Feb. 2, Haliburton lost one of its longtime residents when Helen Catherine Bobinski passed to be with the Lord who she came to love through the years. Helen was the feisty little woman who would be sure to greet any visitor that entered the Community Living residence where she lived for over 30 years. Through the years I remember the numerous times she wanted to share a cookie that came from her pocket or a promise of making something for me. She was a character! At Monk's Funeral Home last week it wasn't the service I am usually used to, it was a heart-warming sharing of stories, especially when one of the speakers recalled the impact Helen had made on their lives. There were moments of humour and then other moments of just what a person with a learning disability brings to the rest of us. It was touching at best and definitely a celebration of a life.

Last Saturday night we attended the Special Olympics

'50s dance at the Minden Legion. I didn't get a chance to alert you to this event because no sooner had they printed the tickets - they were sold! It was a fabulous evening! There were four of us ladies that actually had poodle skirts. Strange but true! The waist on mine has been modified a few times through the years. Anyways, the evening was a success, the food, the music but especially the people. I danced all night (as usual) and will definitely make this one of my "must attend" functions for the future.

Which brings me to this weekend's dance. This Saturday night there is a special event dance which is going to be held at the Minden Community Centre from 8 to 1 p.m. This Minden Benefit Concert is hosted by Pier's BBQ House and will feature Rude E Bones playing today's best new rock and yesterday's greatest classics. Special guests for this evening's entertainment will also be The Back Alley Ringers. Doesn't that sound amazing? Something for everyone! There will be a delicious buffet, door prizes and fun for all.

Tickets are 20 in advance and 25 at the door and they are available at Pier's BBQ House located on 143 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden and also at Community Living Haliburton. Proceeds will be going to Community Living to

continue creating opportunities for people with disabilities through special supports, skill building and community integration. It's like I say over and over again - it's a win-win situation.

When you attend this dance be sure and buy tickets for a chance to win two Muskoka chairs graciously donated by the Log Cabin located in West Guilford. The chairs are on display at Sir Sam's Ski Hill who are also selling tickets. Spring is just around the corner so wouldn't two new splashy chairs look good on your deck?

Just a reminder to get out this Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and pay your \$10 to register for the annual Allan Thomas Memorial Fishing Derby. Always a fun day and who knows - you might be the one that catches either the first, second or third big fish and receive a cash prize, amount based on registrations received for the derby. Get out and have some fun and enjoy a little bit of winter. This derby is held on Boshkung Lake which is located just off Anglesey Road, off of Highway 35, Carnarvon, just watch for the signs. If you require more information please call Scott at 705-457-6236.

For some of us winter can be long but if you fill it with fun things to do spring will be here before you know it! Have a great week!

Minden Legion looking for volunteer cooks



Legion br. 636

The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen. We are especially in need of cooks. You too can learn our special recipe for fish and chips! Please contact the Legion at 705-286-4541.

The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers (a branch of

the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild) meet twice a month at the Minden Legion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The OHCG was established in 1966 to promote the art and craft of rug hooking and has 93 branches in Ontario. They are traditional rug hookers using new dyed wool or recycled wool material on a burlap base or other medium. Speakers and workshops are often held during their meetings. Members often travel to the annual meeting - this year to be held in Kingston. Visitors are welcome to come in to see what they are up to and beginners are also welcome. For more information, please contact Linda at 705-447-1169 or Peggy at

705-286-3387. The next two meeting dates are Feb. 25 and March 11.

Don't forget that the Highlands Trio is entertaining at the Minden Legion this Saturday, Feb. 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. Those who wish can also participate in the open mic segments. Roast beef on a bun and fresh-cut fries will be available for purchase.

Family Day is coming up this weekend. Branch 636 is setting up a special luncheon menu for families on Monday, Feb. 18. A parent and child under 12 can have lunch for \$8 between 12 and 2. All are welcome!

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Evening Of Jan. 22 Cum. Points For Rnd 2

Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Points	Mvp Of The Night
Kawartha Dairy	4	1	1	60	Sherry 190
Canadian Tire	1	3	2	60	Scott 215
Point In Time	2	5	3	40	Amanda 175
The Bob's	3	4	4	35	Mark Arike 125
Todd's Independent	5	2	5	30	Rod 195

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Thursday afternoon mixed bowling - Jan. 24/13		Men's high triple - Doug Reinweld	687
Weeks high scores (with h/cap)		YTD flat average	
Ladies high single - Lynn bartlett	282	Ladies - Cathy Snell	221
Ladies high triple - Lynn bartlett	734	Men's - Rick West	194
Men's high single - Gord Shirran	268		
Men's high triple - Ed Braithwaite	713	Monday evening mixed bowling - Jan. 21st	
YTD flat average		Weeks high scores (with h/cap)	
Ladies - Helen Dentinger	171	Ladies high single - Carol Gilligan	302
Men's - Gerry Wagg	180	Ladies high triple - Carol Gilligan	713
		Men's high single - Scott Welch	315
		Men's high triple - Scott Welch	820
Monday evening mixed bowling - January 7			
Weeks high scores (with h/cap)		YTD flat average	
Ladies high single - Nancy Hughes	276	Ladies - Cathy Snell	218
Ladies high triple - Nancy Hughes	738	Men's - Rick West	195
Men's high single - Doug Reinweld	274		

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Bids for tenders or quotes must be received on the supplied forms no later than 1pm on the closing date.

For forms and further information please contact:

Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant

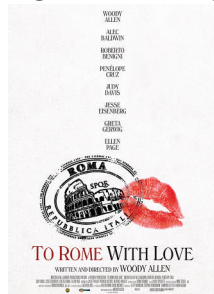
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Coming Events



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Celebrate northern tradition



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

705-766-0076
malfano@hotmail.ca

There is still time to sign up for the next cooking class at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, Feb. 14 starting at 7 p.m. Philip Kashap will be leading the class how to cook legumes and grains focusing on cuisine from India's northern region.

Come hungry!

Registration is required and the cost is only \$5 per person. Email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to register.

Cast off your winter blues at the 23rd Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival!

Celebrate a true northern tradition beginning on Friday, Feb. 15 at the outdoor rink with the annual family skating party with music and a light show by DJ KJ Chris. If ice or weather conditions are poor, the party will be moved to the rec centre for a family dance party.

Winners of the Snowball Prince and Princess Pageant will be announced at the party.

Plan to spend Saturday, Feb. 16 starting with an easy walk to all day fun indoors and out including a parade, an all day pancake breakfast, and for lunch, chili, Oktoberfest sausage, hot dogs, French fries, peameal on a bun, and treats including a bake sale, Moosetongues, hot apple cider and maple taffy.

Activities, displays and demonstrations abound; snowshoe races, hockey, broomball, horse-drawn wagon rides, the shanty man's tools, 18th century fur traders

display, smash crash and laugh in the BodyZorb balls or fly like an astronaut in the gyroscope and more.

Entertainment includes Junkyard Symphony, wildlife callers, music by Paul Wilson in the Snowball Cafe, the Birds of Prey show and the Trulee Odd show featuring stilt walking, juggling, unicycle and balloon buffoonery.

Make family memories at Snowball!

Buttons are required at only \$3 each available in advance at local businesses and on the day at the gate and the rec centre.

For more information, watch for your schedule in the mail, check www.dorsetsnowball.com or call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

Students looking for hours or adults want to fill an hour or two?

Help is needed at Snowball.

Bus tables for the all day pancake breakfast, help sell buttons, monitor the silent auction or help with clean up.

Get involved, meet new friends and have fun! Call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968 for more information.

Local resident Karen Koehler is competing at the International Federation of Sled Dog Sports World Championships representing Canada in Alaska March 1 to 7 along with her three dogs in skijoring and pulka classes.

Be sure to visit Karen at the carnival - she will have a display and will be pleased to chat about this great sport. Watch for Karen in the Snowball parade too!

The Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18 for Family Day.

Best wishes from the staff for a safe and happy holiday. Be sure to get out and have some fun with family!

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community calendar

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Help to preserve our History with a Veteran's war museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items. Uniforms, helmets and caps and medals, photographs, shells and weapons. Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

Free Public Skating: Every Sunday (and Wednesday) 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. S.G Nesbitt Memorial Centre. Ice is open to the public. Bring the whole family out for some great fun! For more information call 705-286-1936

Table Tennis in Minden Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. the upper level of the Minden Community Centre. The cost in Minden is \$3.00 per day. In Haliburton we play Monday nights from 6 to 9 pm. on the lower level of St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street. The cost is \$5.00 per night plus \$15 half-yearly to cover the insurance cost for the church. Dates: From January 2nd to June 26th. Contact: Vasha Rehacek @ 705-754-3834

Feb 13: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Stanhope Community Centre at 9:30 am for a Fantastic Folded Flower Workshop and at 1 pm for members' presentations of 3 useful techniques. For more information - call Pat Stiver 489-3751

Feb16: Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge. An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival ~ All proceeds to the Sick Kids Eye Project ~ Registration at 12:30 pm/ Event starts at 1:00 pm. Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guildford Shopping Centre. Prizes award to the top individual pledge dollars and top team pledge dollars. For my information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705 457-4031 or visit our web site at: www.e-clubhouse.org/site/haliburtonon/index.php

Feb 16: Haliburton Forest Annual Poker Run. Registration at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Base Camp. This popular fundraising event is now in its 24th year and has raised more than \$150,000.00 for local charities. All proceeds will go to the Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department for all their selfless efforts. Admission is \$50.00 plus HST per participant. Please call Haliburton Forest and Wild Life for more details 1-705-754-2198.

Feb 16: Haliburton Frost Festival: February 16 located at Head Lake Park. Dress for Haliburton's winter weather and chill with your community at the Family Day Weekend Annual Event held in the beautiful Village of Haliburton

Feb 16: Highlands Trio, hosted by The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - We are serving a lunch consisting of roast beef on a bun with fresh-cut fries. There will also be some open mic sessions during the afternoon for those who wish to participate. All are welcome to come to visit us at the Minden Legion!

Feb 17/18: Minden Hills Family Winterfest located at the Community Centre and Curling Club. Sunday - Curling starts at 9, Hockey in the afternoon and Chilli Contest. Monday - Pancake Breakfast, Games, Kinark Outdoor games, Snow Pitch, Broomball for more information call Cammy George 286-1936

March 5: The Grief Journey- A free bereavement support group. For 13 Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30. Located at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre Board Room 7217 Gelert Rd., For further information call Sue Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.

Kinmount Artisans Marketplace re-opens



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

705-488-2938
brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Well last Friday's storm proved to live up to its reputation.

Both children of the Second World War years we remember blue rationing tokens for meat and for me how pieces of aluminum foil gained admission to the Saturday morning feature at the Danforth Odeon Theatre.

Later growing up in northern Ontario Bruce learned the importance of stocking basic emergency supplies so naturally a trip to Kinmount was in order that pre-storm Thursday.

At Lang's Freshmart purchases were made not only for the human inhabitants of the old farmhouse but also our four legged friends with Whiskas cat chow even more of a priority now that a third cat has found access to the warmth of the basement.

remarkable in colour coming to eat he startles at my window image looking up through wide beautiful golden eyes.

The sibling rivalry between our present two indoor cats is enough for now, no place for a third but a daily outdoor feeding hopefully will help him through the

winter.

After an unexpected further delay the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will re-open this weekend on Friday, Feb. 15 and then continue on its winter schedule of Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As many of the duty members live on country roads occasionally severe weather may be a factor in their travel and the Marketplace remaining closed so a call to 705-488-1414/2938 is always in order before heading out on snowy days.

Located on the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre the Marketplace is a great place to shop tax free with a variety of local arts/handcrafts, antiques and collectables, books by local authors and Kinmount souvenir items.

For great book bargains the monthly Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Kinmount Library comes up this Saturday, Feb. 16 on the lower level of the Branch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event held on the third Saturday of each month accepts donations of good used books in hard or paperback copy but no magazines or texts please.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Lions Hall, 66 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the guest speakers at 7 p.m. will be George and

Carol Simmons presenting on Irondale and the Irondale Historical Society.

There is no charge for the evening and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available along with the popular Bring and Win table. For more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225. If you are interested in family history then the H.H.G.G. is a great resource.

At the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount there will be an Open Mic/Jam Session on Saturday, February 23rd at 7 p.m. featuring Danny Nickel and Paul Micallef. Billy (on bongo drums) will be holding a hoola hoop and limbo contest. There is no admission charge so bring along your friends and come on up to sing or play music along with them.

The open dart benefit held last Saturday was a great success and appreciation is extended to all those who participated in this fundraiser for a recent local fire victim.

Bring everyone out to the Family Snowflake Ball sponsored by the Kinmount Community Centre Management Board on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Centre from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with no charge just lots of fun, prizes and games.

The next morning Sunday, Feb. 24 enjoy a Pancake Breakfast and Country Raffle from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Centre to kick off Winterfest. For full details on the indoor and outdoor programs throughout that day at the Arena and Fairgrounds go to www.kinmount.ca.

In 2013 the Haliburton Concert Series is celebrating its 35th Season with three wonderful concerts planned. Although the first event "The Dream Concert" featuring Michael Burgess and Rebecca Caine is not until May 4th more than 70 percent of the Series available tickets have already been sold. Contact June Smith at 705-457-3272, email at june.smith705@gmail.com or visit the following website www.haliburtones.blogspot.com for ticket information.

Tickets are still available for the Kinmount Gazette and Victoria Pony Club annual dinner and loonie auction on Saturday, March 2 at the Galway Hall. Tickets are \$15 and available at Austin Lumber 705-488-2961 or from any group member. Donations of prizes would also be most welcomed. Please note that the Galway Hall is now fully accessible.

Until next week ...

Send a wish to someone special on their birthday

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The outdoor rink is in top notch condition and the Dorset toboggan hill is always a blast.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the rec centre and all are welcome.

Birthday wishes for February 10 to 16 go out to Esther Fortney, Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Jordyn Nash, Gail Hope, Gino Ballestrin, Sky Boughen and Jamie Hurley!

Give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email

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Look who is 65!

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Helen McKirdy

Love

Dawn, Kevin, Sammi, Rick & Jane

In memoriam

In loving
memory of
our Mother
Beulah Hewitt
Who left us on
February 12, 2012

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be Thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Never a day goes by that we don't think
of you and miss you so much.We Love You; Elaine, Don, Joy and Don,
Pennay, Valerie and Dale and all your
Grandchildren and
Great Grandchildren

DAVIS, WILLIS

Happy Birthday
to a special brother,
uncle and friend.

~ From all your family
and friends ~

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It's never a question of if, always a question of when.

Native we don't use the words can or could
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from you. When will it take your ability to think,
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they love, though you are still there in body?
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HALIBURTON Community FUNERAL HOME

Anna Sicoli-Nichol

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with her family by her side on Sunday afternoon, February 3, 2013 in her 59th year. Wife of Bob Nichol for over 30 years. Loving mother of Andre and Rosanne. Predeceased by her parents Giovanni & Maria Sicoli. Daughter-In-Law of Robert & Edna Nichol (predeceased). Loving sister to Jim Sicoli (Marlene), Frank Sicoli and Dean Sicoli (Lori). Predeceased by her sister Emma Sicoli-Laipnieks. Fondly remembered by her brother-in-law Hugh Nichol (Stephanie) and Peter Laipnieks. Aunt to Lisa Bonnell (Carlo), Johnny Sicoli, Anton Laipnieks, Thomas Nichol, and Curtis Nichol. Great Aunt to Luke & Emma Bonnell. Anna will also be remembered by her Aunts, Uncles and Cousins back in Sault Ste. Marie, Edmonton, Victoria, Italy and France. Anna was an extraordinary teacher for over 30 years. She was an active member of St. Anthony's Of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Past President of the CVL and volunteered at the Haliburton 4C's and many other organizations.

Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday afternoon, February 8, 2013 from 4-7 p.m. CVL prayers were be recited at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was be celebrated in the **CHURCH OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA** 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2013 at 2 o'clock. Rev. Patrick M. Dobec presiding. Spring interment Parish Cemetery. Reception to follow in The Community Room at the Funeral Home. As expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony Of Padua Roman Catholic Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

www.communityfuneralhomes.com

Bob Levesque

February 15, 2008

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.

Beside our boys,
Bobby & Bruce

Beside our girls,
Denise & Michele.

And always beside your

Loving wife, Joan.

We miss you every day.

Ken Sawyer

February 12, 2008

Five years have come and gone
Ken since you've been gone.

But every day little things

Spark your memory.

Sometimes they give
us a chuckle

And sometimes a tear.

We sure miss you Ken

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Deaths

Deaths

BARBARA JOAN HAMILTON It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Joan Hamilton on February 5, 2013 in Barrie, Ontario. Joan was the daughter of the late Thomas Hamilton and Eunice Hamilton (nee McElwain). Beloved mother of Thomas (late), Michele (Michael Lewis), Maureen (Mark Goldenberg), David and Stephanie. Cherished Gram of Jordan, Kaitlin, Lisa, Keira and Emma. There will be no service - a private gathering in Gelert, Ontario has been set at a later date.

A sun's golden drop had once fallen to earth
And was held in the hearts of all men,
And all that embraced it were filled with its warmth
And were anxious to meet it again.
But the drop could not stay in this alien land;
It belonged to the sun's golden glow,
And it left us one day, just as it had arrived
Leaving all who had known it below.
And many tears shed for the loss of the drop
For the time men could hold it was done,
But they knew it was right for it ended its plight
And the drop had returned to the sun.

By: Keira Lewis

In memoriam

In loving memory of Gala Jean Stamp

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Grandma Stamp, Mom, still loved,
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Deaths

HAMILTON, James "Jim" Bateman - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Saturday, February 9, 2013 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Olive Margaret (nee Rodd) for 52 years. Dear father of Beverley (William) Tuplin, Lorne (Kathy) Moore, Jim (Donna) Hamilton, John Hamilton and predeceased by his daughter Laura Veno. Loving grandfather of Shannon (Omar), Shaun, Robyn, Christina, Sheri, Jay, Heidi, Holly, Duane, Therrin, and great grandfather of Kiran. Dear brother of Aura and Eunice, predeceased by his brother Wayne. Lovingly remembered by his family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Friday, February 15, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

RIVERS, Gordon Thomas - In Loving Memory of Gordon Thomas Rivers lifelong employee to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Born on May 22, 1936 and passed away suddenly at his home in Bramalea on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Gordon is survived by his sister Betty Davis (Moss-deceased), Sam (Dorothy), Joe (Gwen) and is predeceased by his brothers Milton and John (Isabel). He will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, his neighbor friends and extended family. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 on Thursday, February 14, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

SPENCER, Gertrude May (nee Pineo) - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. At the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Spencer. Dear mother of Terry Spencer (Kim) of Kinmount, and Lori Georgiadis (Tom) of Burnt River. Loving grandma of Kristen Spencer, Amy Spencer, Kyle Spencer (Emily), TJ Spencer, Kim Georgiadis, Greg Georgiadis (Cecile) and 6 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Lawrence Pineo (Lea) of North Bay, Wendelle Pineo (Louise) of Nova Scotia, Marion Kelly of Nova Scotia and Ken Pineo (deceased). Predeceased by her parents Loyd and Laura Pineo. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. In accordance to Gertrude's wishes, cremation has taken place. Private Family Arrangements. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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DAVIS, Mae & Frank

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February 5 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: At 431 the duo of Pam Pappas and Tom Macartney captured top spot with Jason Peacock and Jean Randell next at 357. Connie Sawyer partnered with John Platt came third at 347 while Eleanor Lymer and Joan Bell posted the afternoon's low score of 215. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this update.

February 5 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Betty Wagar reports that the leading ladies were Clare Obdam 363, Theresa Deak 294, Georgina Parkes 259 and Dorothy McElwain 238. First for the gents at 271 was John Deak followed by Marcel Roussel 263, Ron Morrison 253 and Tom Grix 246. Georgina Parkes won the major draw with Sharron Atkinson, Pat Roussel and Joan McKnight claiming the smaller ones while Dorothy McElwain, Phyllis Windsor, Ron Morrison and Archie Ross took the moonshots.

February 5 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top trio members were Joan Davies 4,670. Bob Penfold 4,480 and Ray McArthur 4,060 with Bob and Joan teaming up for a Small Slam. Nancy Ballantyne also advises that the new arrival at Rev. Max Ward's household is named Thomas Maxwell Austin-Ward.

February 5 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the ladies Rebecca Gray was high and our reporter Barbara Carpenter low while Gord Darby led the gents with Jim McPherson low man. Lone hand honours went to Terry Davis with Gala Newell winning the special draw.

February 5 contract bridge at Club 35: The high score holders were Rob Eaton 5,680, Kathie Porter 4,860, our reporter Muriel McIntosh 4,530 and at 4,490 Ross Fletcher. Alek Zworski won the draw with Helen Regan awarded the Shiny Penny.

February 6 bid euchre at Stanhope: Linda Lambert reports that pink honours went to Muriel Harrington 254, Pat Marshall 227 and Pearl Cowen 219. Colin Miller topped the whites at 272 then Betty Jochim 261 and Sandy

Bell 210 with Pat Marshall and Lottie Ruttan claiming the moonshots. .

February 6 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor led at 62 percent then Ross Davies and Kathie Porter 58 percent. Tied for third spot at 52 percent were Dee McLean and Joan Davies and Joan Galley partnered with Jackie Metcalf.

February 7 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: From Bev Johnson the news that the leading ladies were Vi Howell 290, Sharron Atkinson 280 and Muriel McIntosh 255 with Margaret Fletcher and Pat Roussel tied for fourth place at 245. Top honours for the gents went to Tom Grix 298 followed by John Deak 279, Maria Tschida 255 and Pat Bailey 250. Pat Scadden won the major draw with Doug McIntosh, Pat Bailey and Vi Howell claiming the smaller prizes and the moonshots going to Albert Foster, John Deak and Pat Bailey.

February 7 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Margaret Fletcher and Barry Butler with Theresa Deak and John Priestly posting the highs. Jim Bradbury and Jason Peacock captured the low scores while Tom Grix, John Priestly, Pearl Cowen, Jason Peacock and our reporter May Bradbury took home the evening's other prizes.

February 8 euchre at Staathworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands, Sandra Crockett for low hands and Nick Boekestyn for the special prize.

February 8 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane led with an impressive 83 percent with Irena and Alek Zworski second at 65 percent.

February 8 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka advises that this event was postponed due to the winter storm.

February 9 bid euchre at Staathworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 329, Theresa Deak 311, Emily Harvie 234 and June Branning 227. First for the gents at 302 was Dorothy McElwain followed by Albert Foster 263, Tom Grix 251 and Marcel Roussel 244. Tom also won the special draw with Theresa Deak, Albert Foster and Dorothy McElwain along with Pat and Marcel Roussel taking the moonshots. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this news.

February 10 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Arthur Forbes, for lone hands Pearl Cowen, Jayne Cooper for low hands and Albert Foster for the special prize.

February 11 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Mabel Deacon and Ed Braithwaite with Margaret Fletcher and Shirley Jones posting the highs. Our reporter Barbara Braithwaite took the afternoon's low score and Annah Buxcey claimed the special prize while Ed Braithwaite and Marion Stickwood won the draws.

February 11 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top three players were Sharron Atkinson 268, Jesse Barlow 253 and Phyllis Windsor 249. Pauline Franzen won the draw with Jesse Barlow and Frank Franzen taking the moonshots. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for her update.

February 11 euchre at Staathworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo was a double winner for both high hands and the special prize. Albert Foster took lone hand honours and Pearl Cowen posted the low score.

February 11 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hand honours went to Jean Randell with Pearl and Ivan Kernohan recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Dorene Elstone and our trusted reporter Garth Windsor while Jean Randell also took home the baloney.

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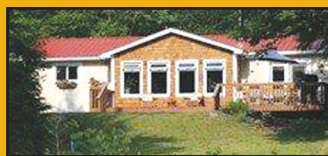
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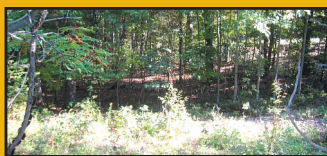
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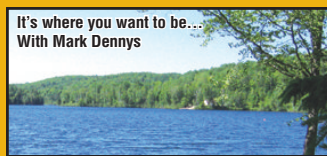
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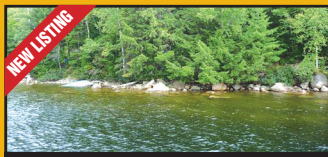
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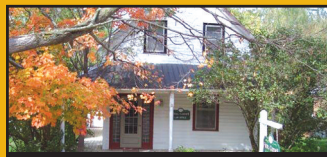
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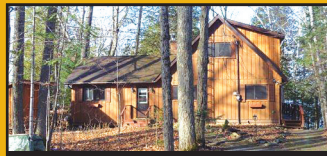
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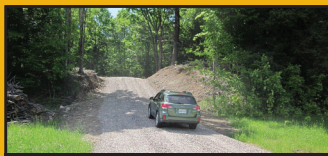
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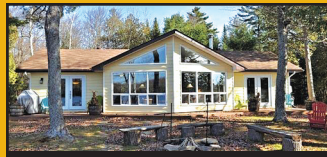
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